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Legislation of Agricultural Significance Passed by the 96th Congress. See Supplement to *ALIN* vol. 7, no. 3, March 1981 for a fuller listing.

- P.L. 96-229 Authorize appropriations for environmental research, development, and demonstration for 1980.
- P.L. 92-289 Authorize appropriations to carry out national sea grant program for 1981, 1982, and 1983, and for other purposes.
- P.L. 96-345 Provide for accelerated program of wind energy research and demonstration, to be carried out by Department of Energy with support of NASA and other Federal agencies.
- P.L. 96-355 Amend Rural Development Act of 1972.
- P.L. 96-374 Amend and extend Higher Education Act of 1965. October 3. In part, gave land-grant status to Community College of American Samoa and to College of Micronesia. The Law says that any provision of Federal law related "to the operation of or provision of assistance to the land-grant college in the Virgin Islands and Guam shall also apply to the land-grant colleges in American Samoa and Micronesia." This means they both become eligible for Hatch funding and for any other Federal support for an agricultural research program, just like any other land-grant university.
- P.L. 96-457 Extend certain authorities of Secretary of the Interior with respect to water resources research and development and saline water conversion research and development programs.
- P.L. 96-469 Provide for research in diagnosis, prevention, and control of malignant tumors in domestic animals, poultry, and wildlife.
- P.L. 96-512 Methane Transportation Research, Development, and Demonstration Act of 1980.
- P.L. 96-516 Promote the full use of human resources in science and technology through a comprehensive program to maximize potential contribution and advancement of women in scientific, professional, and technical careers.

Making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, and related agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1981.

New Legislation Introduced in the Congress.

- H.R. 870 Established the Domestic and International Hunger Foundation. Rep. Gilman (NY). To Committees on Agriculture and Foreign Affairs. January 16. Bill provides, among other things, for Foundation to lend assistance for research and studies on world hunger problem and public perception of this problem; and to publish and otherwise disseminate results of hunger-related research, studies, or investigations deemed appropriate by Foundation.
- H.R. 930 Establishes a commission to study alternative methods to use of live animals in laboratory research and testing. Rep. Rosenthal (NY). To Committee on Science and Technology. January 19.
- H.R. 1309 Provides grants to 1890 land-grant colleges, including Tuskegee Institute, for the purpose of assisting these institutions in purchase of equipment and land, and planning construction, alteration, or renovation of buildings to strengthen their capacity for research in food and agricultural sciences. The whole Committee met for markup of the bill June 9 and reported the bill out to the full House. The only change made in the bill was in the subcommittee--where in Sec. 4 the provision concerning a report to Congress 69 days prior to a grants award was deleted.
- H.R. 2110 Promotes the development of methods of research, experimentation, and testing that minimize the use of, and pain and suffering to, live animals. Rep. Donnelly (MA). Jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, and Science and Technology. February 25.
- H.R. 2160 Amends Potato Research and Promotion Act. Reps. Panetta (CA) and Morrison (WA). To Committee on Agriculture. February 25.
- H.R. 2216 Establishes a National Energy Trust Fund, and provides for use of such Fund by Secretary of Energy in conducting and supporting research, development, and demonstrations designed to develop alternative energy sources. Reps. Pursell (MI), Weiss (NY), Sawyer (MI), Jeffords (VT), and Stokes (OH). To Committee on Science and Technology. February 26.
- H.R. 2561 Increases by 5 years period during which activities may be carried out under Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977, expands scope of activities authorized in such act, and for other purposes. Rep. Wampler (VA). To Committee on Agriculture. March 17.

H.R. 2773 Transfers to Secretary of Agriculture certain functions relating to fish research. Rep. Bethune (AR). To Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries. March 23. Transfers from Department of the Interior to USDA the Stuttgart Fish Farming Experimental Station.

H.R. 2977 Beginning Farmers Assistance Act of 1981. Hearing on June 17 by Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Forests, Family Farms and Energy and Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit and Rural Development.

H.R. 3115 Authorizes appropriations for environmental research, development, and demonstrations for 1982, and for other purposes. Rep. Scheuer (NY) et al. To Committee on Science and Technology. April 7.

H.R. 3137 Maintains and enhances U.S. leadership in information science and technology by establishing an Institute for Information Policy and Research to address national information policy issues; provides a forum for interaction of government, industry, and commerce, and educational interests in formulation of national information policy options; provides a focus and mechanism for planning and coordinating Federal research and development activities related to information science and technology; and amends National Science and Technology Policy, Organization, and Priorities Act of 1976 to create a new position of Special Assistant for Information Technology and Science Information. Rep. Brown (CA). To Committee on Science and Technology. April.

H.R. 3271 Extends Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, as amended, for 1 year. Rep. Brown (CA). To Committee on Agriculture. April 28.

H.R. 3354 Amends Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act. Rep. Wampler (VA). To Committee on Agriculture. April 30.

H.R. 3432 Water Resources Policy Act of 1981. Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit and Rural Development, hearing June 16.

H.R. 3441 Establishes a coordinated program under direction of Office of Science and Technology Policy for improving and facilitating use of risk analysis by those Federal agencies concerned with scientific and technological decisions related to human life, health, and protection of the environment. Reps. Ritter (PA) Fuqua (FL), and Brown (CA). To Committee on Science and Technology. May 5.

H.R. 3603 Provides price and income protection for farmers, assure consumers an abundance of food and fiber at reasonable prices, continue food assistance to low income households, and for other purposes. Reps. de la Garza (TX) for himself and Foley, Bedell, Bowen, Brown, Coelho, Harkin, Hatcher, Huckaby, Jeffords, Jones (TN), Jones (NC), Richmond, Rose, and Volkmer. To Committee on Agriculture. May 18. Committee reported bill, as amended, to House on May 19. On May 20, bill was referred by the Speaker of

House to Committee on Appropriations for a period not to exceed 15 legislative days, with instructions to report back to the House. This is the Ag Committee's "Food and Agriculture Act of 1981" bill.

- H.R. 3613 Enables producers and importers of flowers and plants to establish, finance, and carry out a coordinated program of research, producer and consumer information, and promotion to improve, maintain, and develop markets for flowers and plants. Rep. Coelho (CA) et al. To Committee on Agriculture. May 19.
- S. 716 Amends Federal Property and Administrative Service Act of 1949 to permit State and county extension services, and any State agricultural experiment station, to obtain excess property from the United States. Sens. Nunn (GA), Chiles (FL), and Sasser (TN). To Committee on Governmental Affairs. March 13.
- S. 842 Provides for stability and certainty in planning and management of certain National Forest lands. Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands and Reserved Water concluded hearings June 17 after receiving testimony from Senator Hart; John Crowell, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and Environment, and Max Peterson, Chief, U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture.
- S. 862 Amends Potato Research and Promotion Act. Sen. Armstrong (CO). To Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. April 2. Would change the method by which assessment is calculated to link assessment to the value of potatoes themselves, rather than set it "at an arbitrary level which inflation rapidly erodes" as is situation now.
- S. 884 The Senate version of the Food and Agriculture Act of 1981, was reported out of Committee to the Senate June 1. (S. Rept. No. 97-126).
- S. 945 Amends Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act and Small Business Act. Sen. Helms (NC) (by request). Jointly to Committees on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, and Small Business. April 8.
- S. 994 Provides price and income protection for farmers and assures consumers of an abundance of food and fiber at reasonable prices, and for other purposes. Sen Huddleston (KY) et al. To Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. April 10. A revision of the Food and Agriculture Act of 1977.
- S. 1007 Food Stamps and Commodity Distribution. Senate passed S1007, authorizing funds for fiscal years 1982 through 1985 for program after agreeing to a committee amendment in nature of a substitute and taking action on additional amendments proposed. June 10.
- S. 1036 Extends Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, as amended for two years, and for other purposes. Sen. Helms (NC) by request. To Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. April 29.

- S. 1037 A bill entitled the "National Rangeland Research Act of 1981." Sen. Melcher (MT). To Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. April 29.
- S. 1295 Establishes a Soybean Research Institute for the purpose of coordinating and conducting research programs, encouraging soybean exports, and providing the leadership for a national soybean policy. Sen Heflin (AL). To Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. June 2. Subcommittee on Agriculture Research and General Legislation held hearings on June 19.
- S. 1237 Provides grants to 1890 land-grant colleges, including Tuskegee Institute, for purpose of assisting these institutions in purchase of equipment and land, and planning, construction, alteration, or renovation of buildings to strengthen their capacity for research in the food and agricultural sciences. Sen. Heflin (AL). To Committee on Labor and Human Resources. May 20.





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